of a High School. Repeated representations had been made to the Government both in and out of the Assembly for raising the standard of the L. G. S. School. There were sufficient boys attending the school. Some of the Inspecting officers had recorded the opinion that the standard of the school should be raised. The Member, therefore, prayed that the standard of the school be raised to the Sixth Form and that the Fourth Form be opened in the current year itself.

The Member next said that certain irrigation tanks in the Midalam *pakuthi* stood in need of urgent repair. The tanks were Kadinjakulam, Perunnakulam, Alakulam and Chenkazhaneerkulam. The last two and the first were silted up. They should be deepened and provided with proper outlets for taking water to the paddy fields. A proper outlet should be provided for the Perunnakulam also to carry water to the fields. Similar irrigation works should also be undertaken in the *pakuthis* of Kizhumidalam, Kizhukulam, Killiyur and Nattalam which were also within the uncommanded area. At present, there were continued failures of crops owing to the want of proper water-supply. The Member prayed that the irrigation works mentioned above might be taken up early.

Lastly, the Member pointed out that, owing to the insufficiency of water in the Eraniel channel and branch channels, there was not a sufficient supply of water for the wet lands in the commanded area. Of the 13,474 acres of land included under the commanded area in the taluk, only an extent of 3,070 acres had been converted into wet lands, which was not even one-fourth of the total area. There was a growing complaint that the water was not uniformly distributed. The present system of water distribution adopted by the Irrigation Department was not satisfactory. The capacity of the channels should be increased. The rich and the influential people generally got a sufficient supply. The ryots were not found willing to convert more lands, owing to the unsatisfactory system of water-supply. To obviate the evils complained above, the Member suggested the creation of Irrigation Boards. The Boards should be empowered to appoint subordinates to see to the distribution of water in each block satisfactorily and also to realise the cost of employing such staff from the ryots concerned. If any one should be found unwilling to pay such dues, steps should be taken against him under the Revenue Recovery Regulation. It should be so arranged that in Irrigation matters both the Irrigation Department and the Revenue Department should consult the Boards. By creating such Boards and thereby ensuring an efficient system of water-supply, thousands of acres of paddy lands would be benefited in the Eraniel and Kalkulam taluks and the Government would be able to realise a substantial revenue therefrom. The Member, therefore, prayed that the capacity of the channels be increased and Irrigation Boards created to obviate the evils pointed out.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

145. Needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

Mr. M. K. Narayana Pillai, B. A., Bar-at-law (Member, Trivandrum taluk) said that he had represented last year the necessity for repairing the irrigation channel which took its source at Anathazhachira in Pallipuram and flowed into the Veli lake and that nothing appeared to have been done to restore the channel. The question was an important one and it affected the interests of many agriculturists. Last year, the flood in the channel did great damage to the crops. The Member, therefore, prayed that the repair of the channel might receive the early attention of the Government.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate for the work has been called for from the Chief Engineer and is awaited.

146. Needs of the Quilon taluk.

Mr. C. P. Kesava Pillai (Member, Quilon taluk) said that an English school for girls sanctioned for Quilon was, at the instance of Dr. Mitchell, ordered to be opened at Chengannur. The local Mission School at the Tuem Church was far away and was inconveniently situated. There was no doubt that, considering the number of girls now receiving instruction in the several Elementary schools in the

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taluk, there would be more than the required strength for an English school. As regards the building for the school, the building constructed by the people was being utilized for the Training School, which was formerly held in a rented building. The building now used for the Training School might be used for the English school. The Member, therefore, prayed for the opening of a Lower Grade Secondary school for girls at Quilon.

The Member next dealt with the need for sanctioning a Police Station at Kavanathu near the Neendakara Bar and said that the place was an important centre of trade with a market to which the men and women of the adjacent localities resorted to find a sale for their articles of produce and manufacture. A band of lawless people committed acts of violence upon the poor men and women resorting to the market and deprived them of their small earnings. The place had become notorious for rioting and other serious offences against life and property. The Member, therefore, suggested the establishment of an out-post at the locality.

He next urged the improvement of two roads, the first of which, he said, ran from the market to the Ashtamudi lake. That road was very useful for transporting goods from the market to the landing place and *vice versa*. The road was only half a furlong in length and stood in need of repair. The second road was a mile to the south of the first mentioned road and connected the Mamoottu-kadavu with the main road running from Quilon to the northern taluks. The length of the road was 1½ furlong. It was useful for the Arat procession from Sakthikulangara temple and for passengers alighting at the said *kadavu* and for transporting goods. The road had been encroached upon by the adjacent land-owners. The Member requested that the two roads might be ordered to be metalled and rendered cartable.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

147. Needs of the Kunnathur taluk.

Mr. R. Madhavan Unnithan (Member, Kunnathur taluk) pressed on the attention of the Government the following needs of the Kunnathur taluk :—

(1) The early construction of a building for locating the Munsiff's Court at Adur.

(2) The repair of the river bund at Padinjarekallada.

(3) Disafforestation of the Kodumon Reserve.

(4) The construction of the road proposed to be cut from Kunnikode to the 20th mile of the Kayenkulam—Shencottah road.

(5) The conversion of the village road from the 13th mile on the Kayen-kulam—Shencottah road to Anayadipalam on the Shasthankotta—Charummood road, into a cartable road.

(6) Repair of the Puthiakavil *chira*.

(7) The raising of the standard of the local English school up to the Third Form. There was enough space in the existing building for an additional class. The Member prayed that the above proposals might be sympathetically considered by the Government.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

148. Needs of the Karunagapalli taluk.

Mr. E. Kesava Pillai (Member, Karunagapalli taluk) prayed that the roads from Chavara to Karunagapalli, from Karunagapalli to Ochira and from Karunagapalli to Shasthankotta might be metalled and made cartable.

He next said that the people of the taluk were in a backward condition in English education and that, acting on the Dewan's reply to the representation made last year that the Government would render the necessary assistance, if the people were prepared to open a Secondary school, the people had built a substantial

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